

MODERN MOTHER PLACES SCIENCE OVER INSTINCT

Health Is Better Chance for Babies Now-a-Days Than a Generation Ago.

MRS. HERVEY'S CRUSADE

Standard of Motherhood Higher Than Ever Before, Owing to Spread of Knowledge.

Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

"The average mother to-day undoubtedly infinites better how to take care of her children than did the mother of twenty years ago. Of course, there have always been good mothers, just as there are now some bad mothers. But I believe that the general standard of modern motherhood is higher than it ever was before."

These are the encouraging conclusions of Mrs. Walter L. Hervey, whose husband was for many years President of Teachers' College, and who was, herself, the chairman of the recent Child Welfare Exhibit. "The average mother knows nothing about caring for her babies," Mrs. Hervey was wrongfully reported as saying at a club meeting the other day. Instead, she thinks the average mother of the year 1911 is an amazingly praiseworthy person.

"But what is her claim to distinction?" I asked.

"She is substituting conscious for automatic motherhood," said Mrs. Hervey. "She is coming to understand that real motherliness is something at once broader and more subtle than instinct. It is a combination of art and science and nature. It has a mental and a moral significance, as well as a physical one."

"I don't believe that a woman is born a mother any more than I believe that my husband was born qualified to go downtown and make a living. Both he and I had to be trained for our respective jobs. More and more we are coming to realize the necessity of training our girls to be mothers before the actual work is thrust upon them."

"Speaker, speaking of the century just past, says that future ages will look back in wonder at children educated for everything in the world except for the fulfillment of their most imperative duty, that of parenthood. We have already begun to correct that grave mistake."

TEACHING THE CARE OF INFANTS.

"In at least one of the high schools of New York girls are taught openly and frankly how to bathe, dress and feed children, the lessons being applied to their own small brothers and sisters."

"But these are the mothers of the future," I reminded Mrs. Hervey. "What about the mothers of the present?"

"Did you know," she replied, "that over eighteen thousand New York mothers are enrolled in the Parents' Association of the city schools? That means that these women are purposely putting themselves in the way to acquire the very latest discoveries in child science and psychology. And it isn't merely a question of theory. They practice what they learn."

"Nineteen years ago, when my own son was a baby, I did my best to regulate his food and sleep according to scientific rules, and the very idea was a source of never-failing amusement to almost all my friends. Now, when I go into the homes of the young mothers of my acquaintance I find that adherence to scientific principles in bringing up baby is taken as a matter of course."

"Babies and children are dressed so much more sensibly to-day than they once were. Why, I remember that when I was a little girl I didn't have a single dress with long sleeves and high neck until I was twelve years old. Why we didn't all die, we now don't know. Now, even the better class of tenement mothers know more about the importance of scientific feeding."

"Mothers are expending time and thought in the purchasing of playthings that will develop; they are interesting themselves in games and kindergarten plays and folk-dances that combine enjoyment and stimulus for their little ones."

RESPECT THE INDIVIDUALITY OF THE CHILD.

"Best of all, we are learning to respect children individually and to give a room to grow. A slavish obedience to authority is no longer demanded. It is bound to result inevitably in recklessness or crushed spirit. The average modern mother will readily admit that her child is a person, and a worth-while person."

"Of course," and Mrs. Hervey smiled a little, "everybody isn't in the movement. At the Child Welfare exhibit a man from the Child Welfare said, 'I don't mind to be told how to feed children; there's less meat in our family.' I said, 'Are they all in good health?' 'Well, five of them are in the cemetery,' he admitted. 'What was the matter with them?'" I asked. "Two died of scarlet fever and two of pneumonia and one of something the doctor didn't name, but I don't know what it meant.'

"Thus, of course, I told him that malnutrition plainly means a lack of proper food, and that he surely ought to find valuable suggestions in our exhibit. Indeed he did begin to examine it with some interest."

"It's not doing one's duty by children to force them into the world. Probably the mother of nine, whose father spoke to me first that by the act of physical motherhood she had fulfilled all that was required of her; but she was a plump, large-wheeled woman, and more than half the time was a dead weight. When I told her that you're a woman and a farmer? Yes, five children, and of that family of nine, only one per cent died. And I'm afraid the mother wasn't conscious of having failed at her job."

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CHICAGO HAM—

NEW YORK BACON—

ENGLISH-STYLE BACON—

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